

Health Access Subcommittee

Amendment No. 1 to HB1266

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 820*

House Bill No. 1266

by deleting all the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1: There is created a special joint committee to study the need for placement of additional beds at private community-based, not-for-profit ICF/MR facilities and to make appropriate legislative proposals to implement any recommendations the committee determines to be beneficial to the State of Tennessee and its citizens. The committee shall specifically consider the necessity of adding beds to certain facilities in light of the costs of such additions. The committee shall also study whether additional capacity should be added to other forms of housing such as supported living and the effects of changes on developmental disability centers.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of ten (10) legislative members. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint five (5) legislative members from the membership of the house health and human resources committee and the house finance committee. The speaker of the senate shall appoint five (5) legislative members from the membership of the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee and the senate finance, ways and means committee. The committee shall be convened by the legislative member with the most years of continuous legislative service, and, at its organizational meeting shall elect from its membership, a chair, vice-chair and such other officers, as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 3. The departments of health and mental health and developmental disabilities and the division of mental retardation services shall provide assistance to the special study committee upon request of the chair.

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SECTION 4. Legislative members of the special study committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 5. The study committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly no later than February 15, 2003, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.